There is no reason to think that the standard of education has deteriorated.

(c) 49 posts of teachers are vacant at present in respect of 20 Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning in Maharashtra.

Providing Pucca Buildings to Schools in M.P.

590. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools in the State of Madhya Pradesh being run either in tents or in the open with details thereof;

(b) the number of schools having less than five teachers in their rolls for teaching the students with the number of students in each such school; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to provide Pucca buildings and full strength of teachers in all the schools in Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN the MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The State-wise information regarding school buildings and teachers in primary schools was collected through the Fifth All India Educational Survey conducted by the NCERT. The Survey report mentions that as on 30-9-86, in Madhya Pradesh, there were 5020 schools running in tents or in open space and 57,358 primary schools with less than 5 teachers. The Survey report also mentions that as on 3-9-86, the teacher-pupil ratio at the primary stage in Madhya Pradesh was 39 which was better than the national average of 45 on the same date.

(c) The progress in such matters depends on availability of funds of the Government of Madhya Pradesh and local requirements. The Central Government started the Operation Blackboard scheme from 1987-88 to bring about improvement in facilities in primary schools with the aim of providing (i) a building comprising at least two rooms, (ii) at least two teachers per school and (iii) essential teaching-learning material. Funds for the second and third components are provided by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. As regards the first component, 48 per cent of matching share for construction of primary school classrooms, is provided by the Ministry of Rural Development under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) provided the concerned State Government allocates 40 per cent non-JRY funds and 12 per cent State—JRY share. Rs. 1384.50 lakhs was released as Central matching JRY share to Government of Madhya Pradesh during 1990-91 by the Ministry of Rural Development. No financial assistance could be released to the State Government during 1991-92 and 1992-93 for construction of primary school clasrooms since the State Government did not avail of this facility by contributing 40 per cent non-JRY Funds.

Enrolment target in elementary education

591. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets for enrolment in elementary education under the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what were actual achievements;

(c) what were the reasons for the shortfall if any, in the achievements;

(d) whether any expert committee has recently examined the issue; and

(e) the extent to which the failure is attributed to the shortage of funds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) According to the data made available by